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USNS Bob Hope Pays Tribute to Namesake



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The Military Sealift Command's USNS Bob Hope (T-AKR 300) honored its late namesake by doing what Bob Hope would have wanted – supporting the troops. Bob Hope has been deployed for the past 81 days in the Arabian Gulf in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. During the ship's three main missions within the 5th Fleet area of responsibility, Bob Hope transported nearly 38,912 tons of combat gear.

"The officers and crew of Bob Hope have been proud to carry almost 40,000 tons of equipment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom," said the ship's master, Capt. Joseph "David" Henderson, Jr.

"Some of the equipment was used to support units like the 101st Airborne, a unit Hope entertained 33 years ago in Hue City, Vietnam. Some of it was water purifiers and construction equipment to help in the rebuilding of Iraq," said Henderson, who hails from

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USS Princeton Protects Oil Moving from Iraq

By Lt. j.g. Jeremy Boback,
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ABOARD USS PRINCETON— Marking a major step in the restoration of economic trade in Iraq, USS Princeton (CG 59) provided maritime security for two recent onloads of crude oil at the Mina al-Bakar oil terminal, an Iraqi offshore oil platform.

July 11, Princeton escorted the Bahamian flagged supertanker Margaux to Mina-Al-Bkar and along with U.S. Coast Guard Cutters Aquidneck and Baranof, established a maritime security blanket around the installation for three days as she took on 1.7 million barrels of crude oil. Princeton again provided support at Mina-Al-Bkar, as the supertanker Front Highness received crude oil July 15-17. These were only the

second and third times since the start of Operation Iraqi Freedom that tankers received crude oil for commercial export at Iraq's only functioning marine terminal.

Connected to Iraq by an underwater pipeline, more than a million barrels of oil a day flowed through Mina al-Bakar as part of the United Nations' Oil-for-Food program before Operation Iraqi Freedom began in March. Due to coalition efforts early in the war, the terminal was able to resume commercial export operations in June.

"The Iraqi people are the direct beneficiary of what we are doing," stated Lt. Dan Beck, Princeton's assistant operations officer, about the mission. "It is essential that the oil starts flowing again, and the Iraqi waterways are safe for commerce in order

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Sterling, Ill.

"He was a great man and a great American," said Dallas native Staff Sgt. Craig Lankford. "Bob Hope went out of his way to share hope and humor with a great many people, even though he didn't know them personally. He cared about the soldiers. He brightened a lot of people's lives," said Lankford, who serves with Charlie Company, 103 Military Intelligence Battalion.

When former Secretary of the Navy John Dalton made the announcement that a new class of ships would be named for Bob Hope, he called Mr. Hope a "military hero" and said, "We can never repay him for his contributions to the men and women in uniform, but we can show our appreciation with a class

of ships named in his honor. This is our way of saying, 'Thanks for the Memories.'"

Hope's unwavering commitment to American servicemen and women began in 1941 when he went to March Field in California to perform a radio show for airmen stationed there. His first trip into a combat area was in 1943 during World War II, when he and his small USO troupe visited U.S. military facilities in England, Africa, Sicily and Iceland.

Following World War II, Hope didn't forget the military audiences. He continued to make frequent visits to military bases and hospitals. Hope's customary Christmas tours began in 1948 when he went to Germany at the request of then Secretary of the Air Force, Stuart Symington, to entertain the troops involved in the Berlin Airlift.

Twenty-four years later, Hope hailed his 1972 trip as his "last Christmas show" because it seemed the end of the Vietnam conflict was in sight. But each Christmas that followed, Hope was performing somewhere in the United States, whether it was a military base or veterans hospital. In 1983, the call came from Beirut and Hope was on the road again.

"I remember seeing his USO show off the coast of Beirut, Lebanon, in 1983," said Bob Hope's boatswain Emmert Holloway. "It eased a high-tension time for us all. He will be missed by all the U.S. armed forces as a true friend," said the 48-year-old sailor from Port Orchard, Wash.

In 1987, Hope flew around the world to entertain servicemen and women in the Pacific, Atlantic and Indian Oceans, and also in the Persian Gulf. He embarked on a goodwill tour in 1990 to entertain military person-

nel stationed in England, Russia, and Germany. At Christmas that year, he was in Saudi Arabia entertaining the men and women of Operation Desert Storm.

Hope was honored and befriended by Presidents of the United States since Franklin Roosevelt. Hope's golfing buddies included Presidents Dwight D. Eisenhower, Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Ronald Reagan, George Bush, and Bill Clinton. He was hailed as "America's most prized ambassador of goodwill throughout the world."

Bob Hope's distinguished honors included the Congressional Gold Medal from President Kennedy; the Medal of Freedom from President Johnson; an honorary commission as Commander of the Order of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth; and the Medal

of Arts from President Clinton. Hope was also been cited by the Guinness Book of Records as "the most honored entertainer in the world" because he had more than two thousand awards and citations for humanitarian and professional efforts, including 54 honorary doctorates.

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U.S. Navy file photo

Entertainer Bob Hope tees-off on the flight deck aboard the aircraft carrier USS Ticonderoga (CVA 14) during his visit to the carrier off the coast of Vietnam. Hope and other entertainers were on a Christmas tour of U.S. military installations.

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to support the rebuilding of Iraq's economy. It is a lot of hard work, but I am proud to be part of the reconstruction of Iraq."

Princeton is currently operating in the Northern Arabian Gulf in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as Maritime Interception Operations commander for Task Force 55. Task Force 55, which consists of U.S. Navy and Coast Guard forces, and coali-

tion naval forces from the United Kingdom, Australia, Poland and Italy, is maintaining a presence in Iraqi territorial waters to safeguard shipping until an Iraqi coast guard can be established.

Princeton deployed March 3 in support of the global war on terror as air defense commander for the USS Nimitz (CVN 68) Carrier Strike Group. The Aegis guided-missile cruiser is homeported in San Diego. 🇺🇸

Nimitz Aviators Safe after Ejecting from EA-6B Prowler

ABOARD USS NIMITZ—Four aircrew are safe and in good condition after ejecting from their EA-6B Prowler jet aircraft in the Arabian Gulf. The four ejected at approximately 11 a.m. local time July 27 during routine flight operations, and were rescued by helicopters assigned to Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron (HS) 6 of the USS Nimitz (CVN 68) Carrier Strike Group.

The Prowler is a long-range, all weather aircraft designed for jamming enemy radar, electronic data links and communications. The EA-6B was attached to VAQ-135, an Electronic Attack Squadron attached to Carrier Air Wing 11 aboard Nimitz. When not attached to Nimitz, VAQ-135 is home-based at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Wash.

The cause of the accident is under investigation.

The Nimitz Carrier Strike Group has been forward deployed to Commaner 5th Fleet since April 2003, supporting Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. 🇺🇸

USS Princeton Sailors Experience Australian and Italian Navies

By Lt. j.g. Jeremy Boback,
USS Princeton Public Affairs

ABOARD USS PRINCETON—Crew members aboard USS Princeton (CG 59) experienced a day in the life of their counterparts in the Royal Australian and Italian navies during a recent exchange with HMAS Sydney (FFG 03) and ITS San Giusto (L 9894).

In an effort to strengthen the bonds between multinational forces in the northern Arabian Gulf, more than 60 Sailors participated in the exchange while conducting Maritime Interdiction Operations (MIO).

Regarding the cross deck opportunity, Australian navy chaplain Father John McSweeney remarked, "It gives everyone a chance to see what the other navy offers and its customs. As the U.S. and Australians have been increasingly working together and will continue to into the future,

exchanges are especially important."

While aboard Princeton, McSweeney led the crew in evening prayer and conducted a Catholic mass. He noted that his Australian shipmates were "extremely happy and very excited to participate in the exchange with the Americans."

After visiting San Giusto, Ensign Sara Walters, gunnery officer aboard Princeton, commented, "It was interesting to hear about the humanitarian missions San Giusto has been conducting in Umm Qasr to help the Iraqi people."

The Italian amphibious ship, equipped with a large medical facility and surgical ward, periodically provides medical services to Iraqis in the port city of Umm Qasr. "Each ship in the Northern Arabian Gulf is fulfilling a variety of missions in support of rebuilding Iraq," stated Walters.

Princeton is currently operating in the Northern Arabian Gulf in support of Op-
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Command Religious Program Naval Support Activity Bahrain

Weekly Schedule of Events

Monday	1200 - Catholic Mass, Chaplain's Office Chapel Annex 1700 - Gospel Choir Practice, Chapel/Training Facility
Tuesday	1200 - Catholic Mass, Chaplain's Office Chapel Annex 1830 - Gospel Bible Study, Chaplain Parker's flat
Wednesday	1200 - Catholic Mass, Chapel/Training Facility 1630 - Catholic Choir Practice, Chapel/Training Facility 1730 - Protestant Choir Practice, Chapel/Training Facility 1830 - Gospel Choir Practice, Chapel/Training Facility 1830-2000 - Alien Youth Group Bible Study (grades 9-12), Bahrain School Room NTC 2000 - Gospel Praise Dancer's rehearsal, POC Elder Sorrells
Thursday	1200 - Catholic Mass, Chaplain's Office Chapel Annex 1630-1700 - Confessions, Chapel/Training Facility 1730 - Catholic Vigil Mass, Chapel/Training Facility 1830 - Gospel Intercourse Prayer Ministry, POC Evangelist Shabazz-Fentress
Friday	0930 - Catholic Mass, Chapel/Training Facility 0930 - Protestant Adult Friday School II in the CPO Lounge at the Dome 1100 - Protestant Worship Service, Chapel/Training Facility 1130 - Gospel Friday School Class, Navy College Classroom #2 1300 - Gospel Service, Chapel/Training Facility 1330 - Gospel Children's Church ages 5-10 in the CDC, POC Mrs. Fulson 1800 - Protestant Evening Worship/Fellowship/Potluck at Chaplain Parker's flat
Saturday	0730 - Protestant Single and Geo-Bachelor Men's Study in the Dome Conference room 1545 - Protestant Campaigner's Youth Bible Study, Bahrain School Room 53, POC Ketan
Sunday	1200 - Catholic Mass, Chaplain's Office Chapel Annex 1700 - Church of Christ Service, Chaplain's Office Chapel Annex 1800 - Protestant Evening Worship Service, Chapel/Training Facility 1900 - Gospel Praise Dancer's rehearsal, POC Elder Sorrells



Laypeople:

Muslim- CTCIM Young
Church of Christ- SSG Veasey
Int'l Church of Christ- PH2 Lapierre
Latter Day Saints- CDR Hansen
Jewish- LTJG Frey
United Pentacostal- CW3 Moody

NSA Chaplain Staff:

Capt. (Sel.) Parker, Command Chaplain
Lt. Borger, Catholic Chaplain
RP1(SW) Jefferson-Brooks
RP2 Harris

NAVCENT Chaplain Staff:

Capt. Tidd, Command Chaplain
Cdr. Parisi, Catholic Chaplain
RP2 Redfield
RP2 Mosqueda

Questions regarding Command Religious Programs, please contact NSA Bahrain Chaplain's office at 439-4235/4303 or 724-235/303, Sunday - Thursday.

Event participation contingent upon Force Protection Conditions

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WIN UP TO \$1,000 ONLY \$15.00
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Beans, Dinner Roll & Beverage
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U.S. Navy photo by Gracie Hilbrands
Commodore Richard Leaman, Royal Navy, prepares for his first flight in an F/A-18 Super Hornet during a July 29 - 30 visit to USS Nimitz (CVN 69). Leaman is Deputy Coalition Commander for Commander U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/ Commander 5th Fleet.

Fraudulent Degrees Are Big Business - Don't Be a Victim

Navy College European Regional Office

Diploma Mills are notorious for imitating in superficial ways the structures and functions of legitimate degree programs. Conversely, there are many legitimate programs that offer nontraditional degrees in an effort to serve the needs of adult students. Therefore, it is difficult to develop a comprehensive list of characteristics that one can use to spot a Diploma Mill. Some characteristics students should look for are listed in this article. The following list is to be used with caution. It exemplifies the characteristics one may find (but not always) typical of Diploma Mills. Students are encouraged to beware and to investigate thoroughly any institution before beginning a program. Service members are encouraged to check with the Navy College Office serving their installation before pursuing any program. Here are some characteristics of Diploma Mills:

The organization may have a name similar to a well-known college or university.

The address often suggests a prestigious location, but mail may only be received at a post office box or mail service. The organization may frequently change its address. There

is no significant cluster of physical facilities; it operates from a single office or maybe private residence.

Full-time staff are few in number and lack qualifications appropriate for serving as professional educators or educational administrators. Part-time staff, most of whom are full-time with other organizations, are heavily used to provide instruction or academic services. Many or all faculty lack appropriate advanced degrees from recognized and accredited higher educational institutions or may have degrees from the Diploma Mill itself. Long lists of degrees typically follow the names of faculty.

There is little or no selectivity in admissions; frequently no admissions requirements are listed. Degree requirements, if any, are few and frequently unspecified.

Degrees ordinarily can be obtained in a time frame far shorter than that required for the completion of a program at a generally recognized and accredited institution.

Tuition and fees are usually on a per-degree basis. Assessment of learning outcomes or achievement is minimal or nonexistent.

The organization has no library or maintains inferior resources than that expected of a degree-granting institution.

Great emphasis is placed on granting credit for work experience and prior life experiences without appropriate mechanisms for assessing the experience in terms of college-level work. Sometimes the assessment is offered free to prospective students on a mail-order basis with an implied promise that more can be expected upon official enrollment.

Terms such as nontraditional, alternative, and innovative are used to gloss over a multitude of sins.

The words "state-authorized" or "state-approved" are used to suggest that the organization has undergone a process of academic review comparable to accreditation. The organization is not accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Promotional materials may, however, list agencies not recognized by Department of Education.

The Navy College Office is an excellent resource for Service members to use when assessing the legitimacy of an educational institution. The book, *Bear's Guide to Earning College Degrees by Distance Learning*, is another resource students may want to consult to avoid the pitfalls of enrolling in a Diploma Mill program.

NOW SHOWING

THURSDAY

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1530 What a Girl Wants (PG)
1730 Bringing Down the House (PG-13)
1930 Blade (R)

FRIDAY

1

1530 The Jungle Book 2 (G)
1730 Shanghai Knights (PG-13)
1930 Bringing Down the House (PG-13)

SATURDAY

2

1530 Wild Thornberry's (PG)
1730 Agent Cody Banks (PG-13)
1930 X-Men 2 (PG-13)

SUNDAY

3

1730 The Wedding Singer (PG-13)
1930 Dream Catcher (R)

MONDAY

4

1730 Shanghai Knights (PG-13)
1930 Blade (R)

TUESDAY

5

1730 Agent Cody Banks (PG-13)
1930 Dream Catcher (R)

WEDNESDAY

6

1530 Wild Thornberry's (PG)
1730 Bringing Down the House (PG-13)
1930 Blade (R)

THE JUNGLE BOOK 2(G) Haley Joel Osment & John Goodman. In this sequel, Mowgli leaves his new girlfriend and his human life behind to return to old friends and a life in the jungle where he was raised. Shere Khan is out for revenge. Can Baloo and crew help Mowgli avoid Khan's lethal claws? (72 min)

THE WEDDING SINGER(PG-13) Adam Sandler & Drew Barrymore. When the lead singer of a popular, but not-so good, New Jersey wedding band is abandoned at the altar by his fiancée, his new opinion of marriage almost destroys his career. But when a spunky waitress enlists his help in planning her own wedding, his experience gives him a whole new perspective, and another chance at happiness. (95min)

WILD THORNBERRY'S(PG) Lynn Redgrave & Marisa Tomei. A long time ago, a shaman granted Eliza the ability to talk to animals in return for a good deed she had done. This ability has gotten her into many wild adventures. When poachers snatch a cheetah cub that is traveling with her, she is on the case to retrieve the cub and an even bigger mystery involving a herd of elephants. (86 min)

SHANGHAI KNIGHTS(PG-13) Jackie Chan & Owen Wilson. After taming the Wild West in Shanghai Noon, Chan Wang and Roy O'Bannon are back in the saddle, but this time Chan is out to settle a score and avenge the death of his father while also keeping Roy away from his sister who has uncovered a worldwide conspiracy to murder the royal family. (107 min)

BRINGING DOWN THE HOUSE(PG-13) Steve Martin & Queen Latifah. A divorced, straight-laced, uptight attorney who still loves his ex-wife and can't figure out what he did wrong decides to move on with his life when he is smitten by a brainy bombshell barrister he's been chatting with online. But his world is about to be turned inside-out

because his web mate turns out to be an escaped convict. (105 min)

DREAMCATCHER(R) Morgan Freeman & Thomas Jane. Based on the popular novel by Stephen King, four young friends perform a heroic act and are changed forever by the supernatural powers they gain in return. Years later, on their annual hunting trip to the Maine woods, they are challenged again when they encounter a deadly alien force attempting to infect and take over our world. (134 min)

BLADE(R) Wesley Snipes & Stephen Dorff. Bitten by a Vampire during pregnancy, a woman gives her child a special gift before dying. The soul of a human, the power of an immortal and the heart of a hero. Now, this half-human, half-vampire legend is out to avenge his mother's death and nothing can stop him. Based on the popular comic book super hero. (120min)

ANGER MANAGEMENT(PG-13) Adam Sandler & Jack Nicholson. After a misunderstanding that escalates out of control, a mild-mannered New Yorker is ordered to attend anger management classes run by a Doctor whose unorthodox approach to treatment is confrontational and abusive. But the situation gets out of control when the doctor decides to move in and intensify his unique form of therapy. (101min)

X-MEN 2(PG-13) Patrick Stewart & Ian McKellen. Based on the Marvel comic book characters. A mutant is drawn closer to his past when the escaped leader helps halt a plot to destroy every other mutant on the planet

AGENT CODY BANKS(PG) Frankie Muniz & Hilary Duff. To his family and friends, Cody banks is a typical teen who loves skateboarding, hates math, and feels like a complete idiot around girls. But Cody's got a secret. He's part of a special CIA youth program and is assigned to befriend a fellow student whose father is developing a fleet of nanobots for the evil organization ERIS. (101min)

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Aug. 6
1800
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FAMILY MOVIES
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GIFT FOR THE
FIRST KIDS
PRIZES
FRIDAY, AUGUST 8
1330, 1530 & 1730
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AUGUST 1
@ 0800
BD 20
MEET AT THE LIBERTY CENTER @ 0730
POC: CONNIE x 9218